

Department of Pesticide Regulation  
California School IPM Program  
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans  
(January 2008 – December 2008)

You can view [previous updates](http://www.schoolipm.info) to the School IPM Advisory Group on our School IPM Web site ([www.schoolipm.info](http://www.schoolipm.info)).

## **1. Accomplishments (January — June 2008)**

### Training

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted three regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Phil Boise of Urban-Ag Ecology taught landscape IPM and Jeff Van Diepen of Pestmaster Services, Inc. taught structural IPM. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 26 regional training workshops and trained 937 people who represent 698 of the state's approximately 988 school districts.

<b>Date (2008)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>
March 19	Antelope Valley High School	Lancaster	Los Angeles
April 9	Trinity High School	Weaverville	Trinity
June 18	Branham High School	San Jose	Santa Clara

### Technical Materials

- DPR produced and distributed an ant bait poster that explains why baiting is the most effective ant management practice and why it takes some time to work. Teachers and child care professionals are the intended audience.

### Survey

- The survey is part of DPR's ongoing effort to measure schools' compliance with the Healthy Schools Act, schools' adoption of IPM, and information about the resources DPR provides for schools. DPR and its contractor completed the 2007 survey report; they also are planning the 2010 survey.

### Outreach

#### DPR:

- Made several presentations, staffed a booth at the Coalition of Adequate School Housing annual conference in the State Agencies Resource Room, distributed handouts at the Green California Summit, responded to questions and requests for information from school districts and other interested parties, and sent updates on IPM topics via its School IPM listserv.
- Participated in the national School IPM Working Group and the Western School IPM Implementation and Assessment Working Group.
- Developed a School IPM exhibit booth display that emphasizes pest prevention through facility design.
- Established a membership with the [Collaborative for High Performance Schools](#).

### 2008 Green California Leadership Award

On April 8, 2008, DPR Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam accepted the Green California Leadership Award in the area of Green Culture for DPR's California School IPM program and its team (past and present) that includes Tom Babb, Madeline Brattesani, Nita Davidson, David Duncan, Chris Geiger, Nan Gorder, Ann Hanger, Belinda Messenger, Lisa Ross, Sewell Simmons, Mary Votaw, and Angelica Welsh. These awards, presented by [Green Technology](#) at the 2008 Green California Summit, recognize outstanding environmental achievements by state and local government. The Department was recognized for its efforts to create a cleaner, healthier environment in California schools through its California School IPM program. DPR demonstrated leadership in initiating the program during the late 1990s, and then the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 institutionalized the effort. Awards are given in eight categories: Climate Change, Waste Management, Energy Innovation, Transportation, Green Building, Water Management, Purchasing, and Green Culture.

### Welcome to new staff

On March 24, 2008, we hired a new staff person for our School IPM program: Ann Hanger, Environmental Scientist. She has an Environmental Studies background and has worked for both state and federal governments. She will work on our School IPM regional training workshops, update the School IPM Guidebook and the School IPM Web site, and be involved with outreach and technical materials, legislative bill analyses, and other projects.

### Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

DPR:

- Presented training on IPM in child care facilities and the requirements of the Healthy Schools Act to Licensing Program Analysts (LPAs) in four Department of Social Services' Community Care Offices. The hour-long training will enable the LPAs during their inspections of child care facilities to introduce providers to IPM.

<b>Date (2008)</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 28	San Bruno
April 1	Rohnert Park
May 1	Santa Barbara
May 14	Chico

- Gave an hour-long talk on IPM and the HSA to child care providers at the annual Professional Association of Childhood Educators Leaders' Conference in Monterey.
- Set up a partnership with University of California San Francisco's (UCSF) Childcare Health Program to publish a series of articles introducing IPM in their bimonthly newsletter.
- Set up a partnership with UC Berkeley's Center for Children's Environmental Health to conduct a survey of pest management practices in child care facilities.

## **2. Future Plans (July — December 2008)**

### Training

- DPR plans to conduct one regional school IPM training workshop in October in Yolo or Solano County—details to be determined. It can accommodate up to 40 participants. At each workshop, information about the principles of IPM and the resources available through the University of California will be presented. Guest speakers will present information on pest management topics of regional interest. Workshop trainers include Phil Boise for landscape IPM and Jeff Van Diepen for structural IPM.

### Technical Materials

- DPR plans to produce and distribute a poster, “Keep Pests Out of Your School,” to promote its School IPM Web site as a resource for information on how to prevent and manage pests.
- DPR plans to release the 2008-09 school IPM recordkeeping calendar.

### Survey

- DPR plans to distribute its 2007 survey report.

### Outreach

DPR staff:

- Plan to have an exhibit booth at the [greentools for healthy schools](#) event, respond to questions and requests for information from school districts and other interested parties, and send periodic updates on IPM topics via our School IPM listserv.

### Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

DPR staff plans to:

- Adapt the school IPM pest fact sheets on ants, cockroaches and rodents to a new audience, child care providers.
- Conduct a pest management survey of child care facilities in partnership with UC Berkeley’s Center for Children’s Environmental Health.
- Publish six articles on IPM in partnership with UCSF’s Childcare Health Program.
- Talk about IPM at the Resource & Referral Network’s Annual Conference in October in Asilomar.

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